

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. South Vietnam

a. Khanh has come back to Saigon to resume the premiership

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b. Before returning, he sought, and received, pledges of allegiance from a number of senior officers.

c. But matters still are far from stable.

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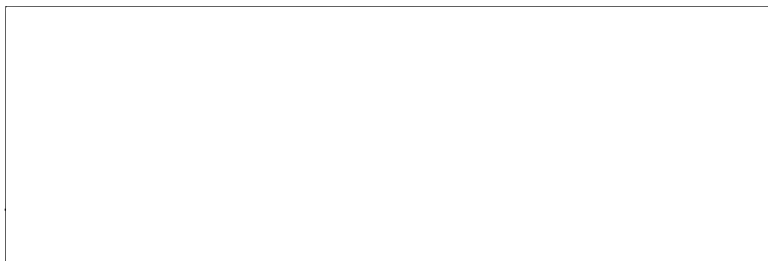
d. The Buddhists are said to be making increasing demands for personnel changes, and Buddhist leader Tri Quang is showing up even more as a behind-the-scenes political power.

e. He has pressured the release of arrested Buddhist rioters, except for a number of suspected Viet Cong agents. Even these, he says, should be released because they were not engaged in Viet Cong activity when arrested.

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f. Before Khanh's return, Ambassador Taylor warned that "we should not delude ourselves that we can put together any combination of personalities which will add up to a really effective government in the foreseeable future."



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i. So far, [redacted] government military operations continue at an "average pace," with Viet Cong activity at a "low ebb." We cannot be sure, however, how long the Viet Cong will hold off.

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2. Indonesia-
Malaysia-UK

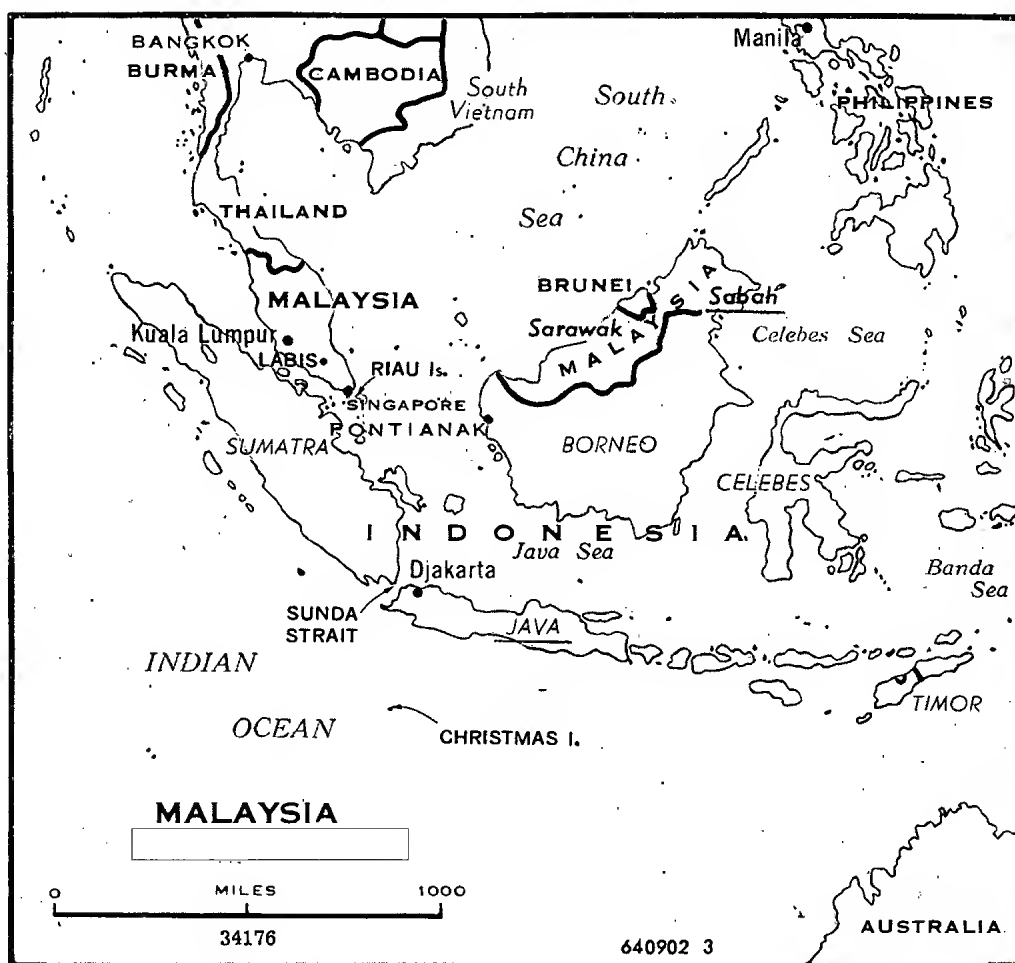
a. The thermometer is going up.

b. [redacted]
[redacted] an Indonesian aircraft dropped supplies and some 40 men near Labis on the Malay peninsula Tuesday night.

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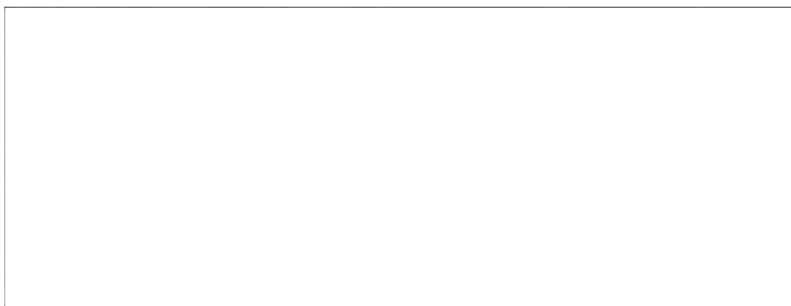
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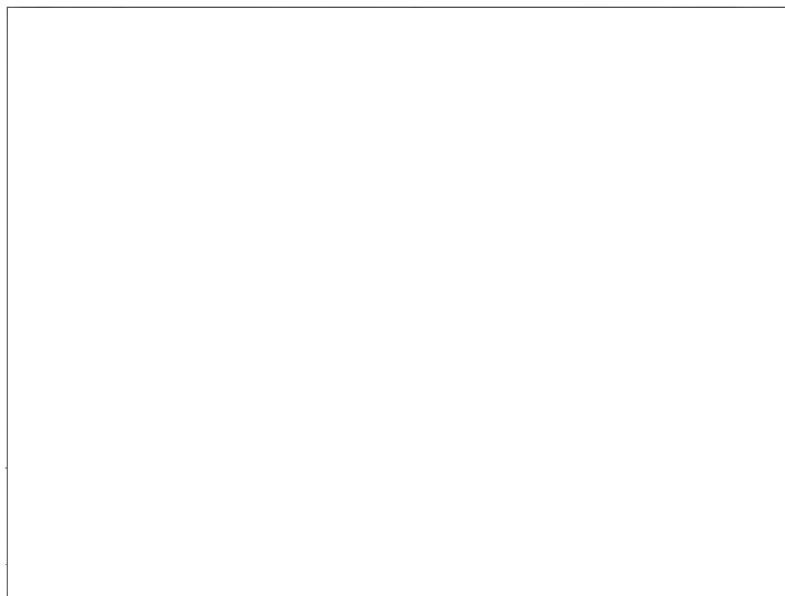
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d. The Indonesians, irked by the 29 August transit of Sunda Strait (five miles wide at the narrows) by a British carrier task force en route from Singapore to Christmas Island, now say they are closing the strait--written permission to be required for passage.

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3. Cyprus

a. But for one brief clash near Nicosia yesterday, the island is relatively quiet.

b. The blockade may be easing.

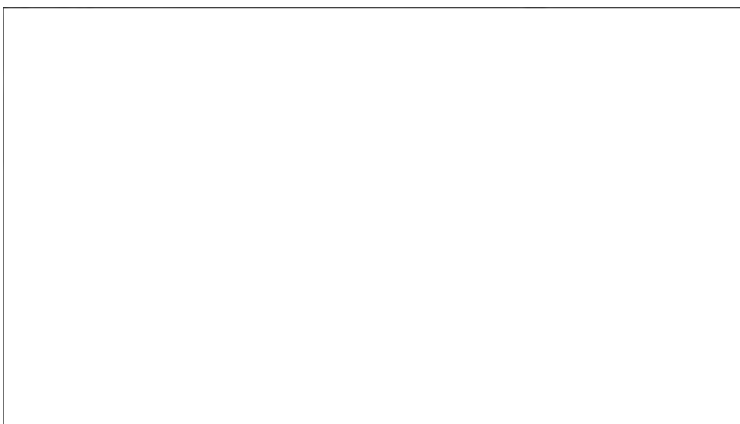
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h. Searching for some release from the pressures, Athens now is airing a formula calling for a Greek-Turkish exchange of pledges in NATO, with Turkey disclaiming any intention to intervene without clear provocation by the Greek Cypriots.



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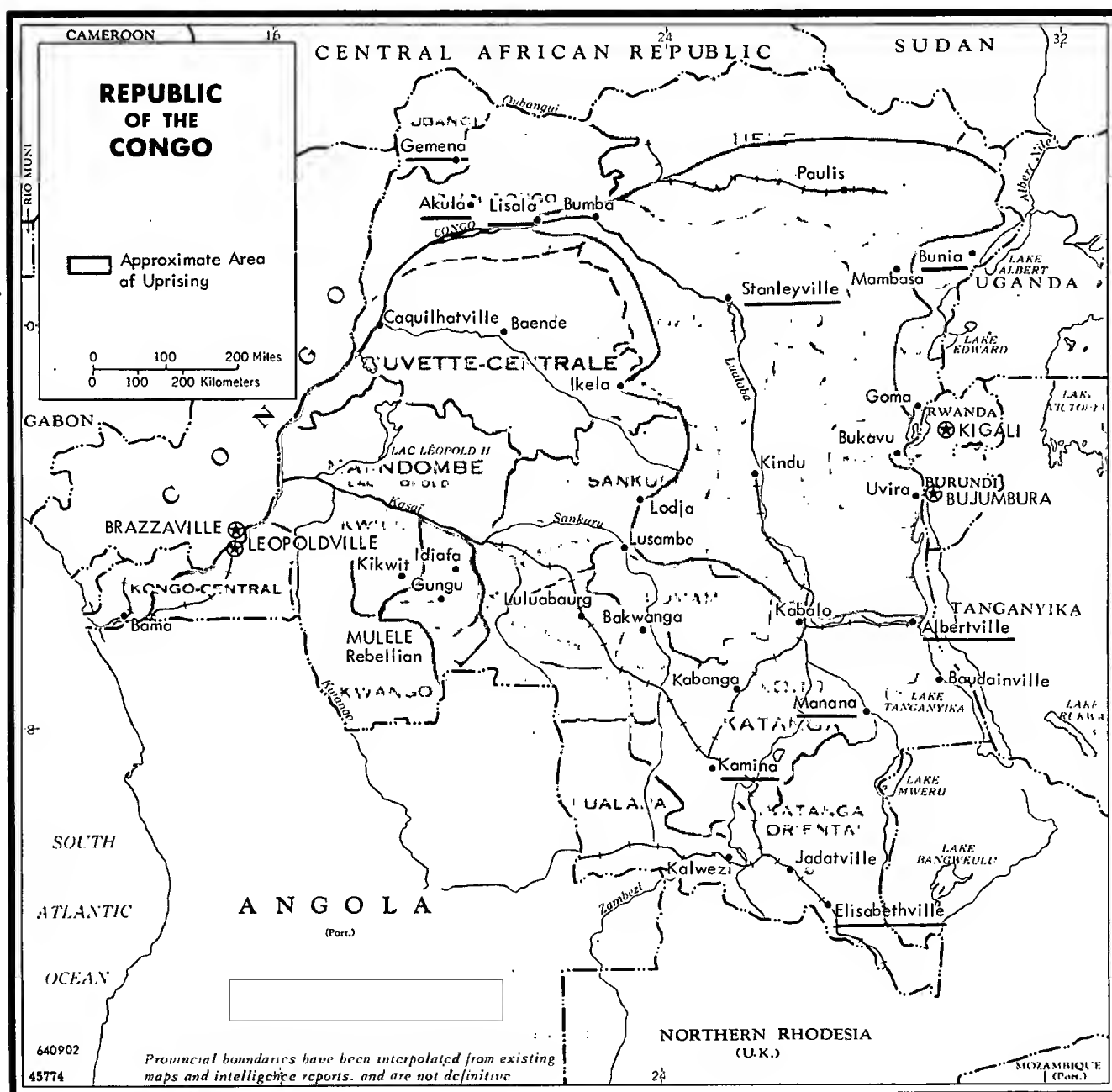


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4. Congo

a. The military pattern is unchanged.

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b. Katanga has been all but cleared of rebels with the recapture of Manono--essentially by Belgians, despite Congolese claims. But the rebels continue to make gains in the north and northeast, and there are no good government troops available to resist them.

c. Rebel leaders appear to be gathering in Stanleyville. Gaston Soumialot, eastern CNL head, arrived during the weekend, and CNL leader Christophe Gbenye, who has disappeared from Bujumbura (in Burundi), is presumed en route.

d. We would not be surprised by some announcement of a dissident government claiming legal status, timed for the 5 September OAU session.

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e. Tshombé's request to delay the OAU session until 17 September, primarily and optimistically to provide time for more military victories, appears to be getting nowhere and to have served only to irritate moderate African leaders.

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[REDACTED] Tshombé was expected
to visit Nkrumah in Ghana today.
Nkrumah, who has been sending aid
to the rebels, now hopes to talk
Tshombé into elections held under
OAU auspices.

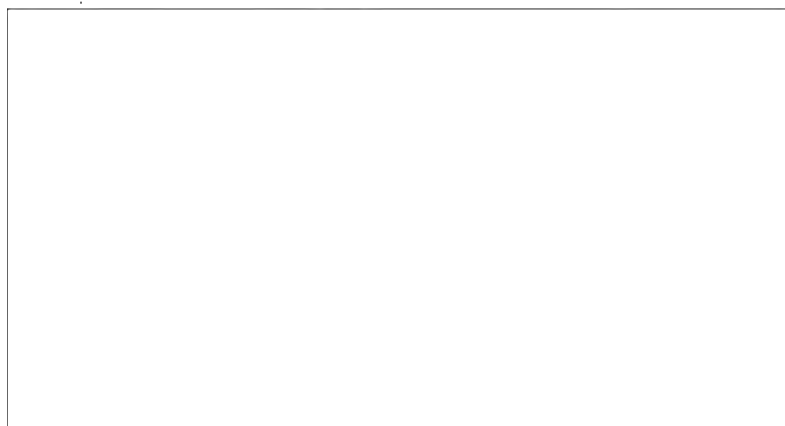
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5. Iran-Iraq-UAR

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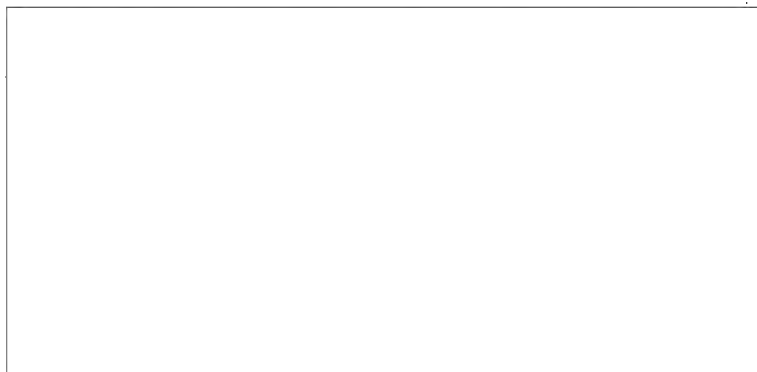
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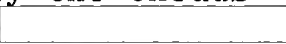
6. Haiti

a. The government's campaign against the rebels is going badly, and Ambassador Timmons thinks it possible that the next several days will "show trends indicating a real threat to Duvalier."

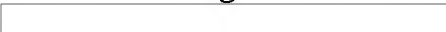


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7. Cuba

a. We have another reminder of the pinch caused by the exodus of professional men-- to ensure a supply of military medics, graduate male nurses are to be made M.D.'s after an 18-month course.

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b. Other shortages hit the military. 

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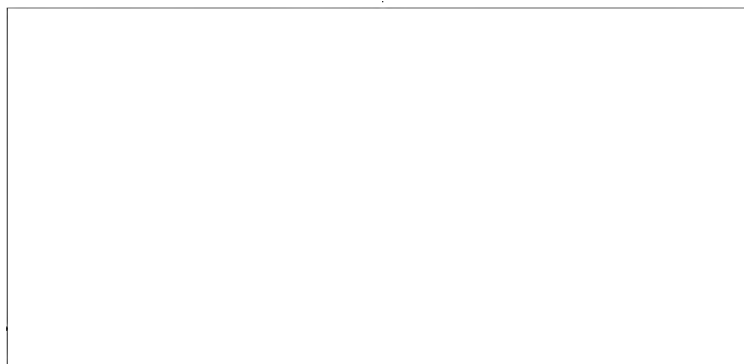
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8. Communist China



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NOTES

- A. Chile Radio Moscow, broadcasting in Spanish to Cuba, charges, among other things, that Chile "is swamped with agents of the CIA and other organizations...one has a picture of a big plot between Washington and the country's reactionary forces against Chile's democratic and patriotic forces."
- B. South Korea President Pak Chong-hui is moving to force out of business a number of influential newspapers long a thorn in the side of the government. This could spark a political dust-up, in and out of the government.